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Assistant Director, OCD 25X1A

19 November 1948

Acting Chief, [REDACTED]

Comments on RDB in re [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] has this date received the attached correspondence from the Executive Director, CIA. It is presumed that you have not previously seen these papers, and they are accordingly transmitted for your information. This office is at a loss to account for the apparent delay in the routing of this material but has instituted no inquiries regarding same.

2. The points raised by Dr. Hafstad, Executive Secretary of the RDB, are, of course, after the fact insofar as they relate to the actual issuance of [REDACTED]. It is interesting to note, however, that the Secretary has pointed up difficulties which are now affecting [REDACTED] operations and has made pertinent comments regarding the type of material that should be filed by CIA.

3. With reference to paragraph 4, [REDACTED] is studying a new and more practical [REDACTED] code which will be based upon the overall needs and desires of the users [REDACTED]

4. In view of the potential importance of the RDB comments, it is thought that your Office may wish to retain this material; copies have been made and are filed in the Register.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER

25X1B SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

25X1B 1. Secretary Forrestal is separately indicating his approval of the proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive [REDACTED] on the above subject.

25X6 2. Before acting on this matter, we requested the opinion of the Research and Development Board and I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of a memorandum by Dr. Hafstad, Executive Secretary of the Board. You will note that although the Board is in complete agreement with the general policy of assign-
ing [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it raises certain questions as to the efficiency of the procedure established by the Directive. I think you will not be interested in having the Board's comments.

/s/ Robert Blum
Robert Blum

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